WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1.   An image processing apparatus which is connected with an information communication apparatus, comprising:

5   first input means for entering information on an addressee of fee billing from said information communication apparatus;

second input means for entering an image;

addition means for adding said information on the

10   addressee of fee billing to said image in a manner not easily recognizable to human eyes; and

output means for outputting said added image.

2.   An image processing apparatus according to

15   claim 1, further comprising second output means for outputting information based on the output of said outputted image to said information communication apparatus.

20   3.   An image processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said information on the addressee of fee billing includes information for specifying a company issuing a credit card, and information for specifying a user of said credit card.

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4.   An image processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said information on the addressee of

fee billing includes information for specifying a bank issuing a debit card, and information for specifying a user of said debit card.

5   5.   An image processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said first input means further enters information for enabling activation of said image processing apparatus from said information communication apparatus, and said second input means

10   starts the entry of said image after the entry of information for enabling activation of said image processing apparatus.

6.   An image processing apparatus according to

15   claim 1, wherein said information based on the output of image includes at least one of the information on the sheet size, color mode and black-and-white mode.

7.   An image processing apparatus according to

20   claim 1, further comprising discrimination means for discriminating whether said image is a specified image, and control means for controlling the addition by said addition means based on the result of discrimination by said discrimination means.

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8.   An image processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said addition means adds information

specific to the apparatus.

9.   An information communication apparatus which is connected with an image processing apparatus and capable of communicating with an external server, comprising:

first input means for entering information on an addressee of fee billing and a password;

first output means for outputting said information on the addressee of fee billing and said password to said external server;

second output means for outputting, to said image processing apparatus, said information on the address of fee billing according to a result of identification on said information on the addressee of fee billing and on said password in said external server;

second input means for entering information based on the output of image from said image processing apparatus; and

third output means for outputting information based on the output of said image to said external server.

10.   An information processing apparatus according to claim 9, wherein said information on the addressee of fee billing includes information for specifying a company issuing a credit card, and information for

specifying a user of said credit card.

11.   An information processing apparatus according to claim 9, wherein said information on the addressee of fee billing includes information for specifying a bank issuing a debit card, and information for specifying a user of said debit card.

12.   An information processing apparatus according to claim 9, wherein said second output means further outputs information for enabling activation of said image processing apparatus.

13.   An image processing system composed of an information communication apparatus capable of communicating with an external server and an image processing apparatus, wherein:

said image processing apparatus includes:

first input means for entering information on an addressee of fee billing from said information communication apparatus;

second input means for entering an image;

addition means for adding said information on the addressee of fee billing to said image in a manner not easily recognizable to human eyes; and

first output means for outputting said added image; and

said information communication apparatus includes:

third input means for entering information on the addressee of fee billing and a password;

third output means for outputting said information on the addressee of fee billing and said password to said external server;

fourth output means for outputting, to said image processing apparatus, said information on the addressee of fee billing according to the result of identification on said information on the addressee of fee billing and on said password in said external server;

fourth input means for entering information based on the output of image from said image processing apparatus; and

fifth output means for outputting information based on the output of said image to said external server.

14. An image processing method in an image processing apparatus connected with an information communication apparatus, the method comprising:

a first input step of entering information on the addressee of fee billing from said information communication apparatus;

a second input step of entering an image;

an addition step of adding said information on the

addressee of fee billing to said image in a manner not easily recognizable to human eyes; and

an output step of outputting said added image.

5   15. An information communication method in an information communication apparatus connected with an image processing apparatus and capable of communicating with an external server, the method comprising:

a first input step of entering information on an

10   addressee of fee billing and a password;

a first output step of outputting said information on the addressee of fee billing and said password to said external server;

a second output step of outputting, to said image

15   processing apparatus, said information on the addressee of fee billing according to the result of identification on said information on the addressee of fee billing and on said password in said external server;

20   a second input step of entering information based on the output of image from said image processing apparatus; and

a third output step of outputting information based on the output of said image to said external

25   server.

16. A computer readable storage medium storing

program codes in an image processing apparatus

connected with an information communication apparatus,

the medium comprising:

a first input code for entering information on the

5   addressee of fee billing from said information

communication apparatus;

a second input code for entering an image;

an addition code for adding said information on

the addressee of fee billing to said image in a manner

10   not easily recognizable to human eyes; and

an output code for outputting said added image.

17.   A computer readable storage medium storing

program codes in an information communication apparatus

15   connected with an image processing apparatus and

capable of communicating with an external server, the

medium comprising:

a first input code for entering information on an

addressee of fee billing and a password;

20   a first output code for outputting said

information on the addressee of fee billing and said

password to said external server;

a second output code for outputting, to said image

processing apparatus, said information on the addressee

25   of fee billing according to the result of

identification on said information on the addressee of

fee billing and on said password in said external

server;

a second input code for entering information based on the output of image from said image processing apparatus; and

5   a third output code for outputting information based on the output of said image to said external server.

18. An image processing apparatus in which a

10   server apparatus and a manager terminal apparatus are capable of communication through a predetermined communication medium and which controls execution of image processing by confirming fee payment charged for a predetermined image processing, comprising:

15   a card reader for reading a card medium in which recorded is personal identification information for identifying a person requesting the image processing;

conversion means for converting said personal identification information, read by said card reader,

20   into personal identification image data;

image generation means for generating output image data to be outputted, from said personal identification image data converted by said conversion means and said user requested image data requested by the user for

25   image processing; and

control means for limiting the request for image processing by comparing said personal identification

information read by said card reader and image output

limited person information on the person for whom image

output is limited, acquired from said server apparatus.

5   19.   An image processing apparatus according to

claim 18, wherein said request for image processing is

a request for copying.

       20.   An image processing apparatus according to

10   claim 18, wherein said card reader is capable of

reading different card media.

       21.   An image processing apparatus according to

claim 18, wherein said card medium is an automobile

15   driving license.

       22.   An image processing apparatus according to

claim 18, wherein said card medium is a prepaid card

issued under a condition of inscription of

20   predetermined personal information.

       23.   An image processing apparatus according to

claim 18, wherein said conversion means converts said

personal identification information read by said card

25   reader into invisible or scarcely visible personal

identification image data.

24.   An image processing apparatus according to claim 18, wherein said image generation means generates output image data to be outputted, by superposing said personal identification image data converted by said conversion means with said user requested image data requested for image processing.

25.   An image processing apparatus according to claim 18, wherein said card reader is capable of reading a character on the card medium.

26.   An image processing apparatus according to claim 18, wherein said card reader is capable of reading a numeral on the card medium.

27.   An image processing apparatus according to claim 18, wherein said card reader is capable of reading a pattern on the card medium.

28.   An image processing apparatus according to claim 18, wherein said card reader is capable of reading a registration number recorded on a magnetic card medium through a magnetic head.

29.   An image processing apparatus according to claim 18, further comprising first informing means adapted, in case said control means compares said

personal identification information read by said card reader with said memorized image output limited person information and identifies lack of coincidence therebetween, to inform the server apparatus through a

5   predetermined communication medium, of improper person information indicating an improper person for the image request.

30.   An image processing apparatus according to

10   claim 18, further comprising second informing means adapted, in case said control means compares said personal identification information read by said card reader with said memorized image output limited person information and identifies lack of coincidence

15   therebetween, to inform the manager terminal apparatus through a predetermined communication medium, of improper person alarm information indicating an improper person for the image request.

20   31.   A managing method for an image processing apparatus which is connected to a card reader for reading a card medium recording personal identification information for identifying a person requesting image processing, in which a server apparatus and a manager

25   terminal apparatus are capable of communication through a predetermined communication medium and which controls execution of image processing by confirming fee payment

charged for a predetermined image processing, the method comprising:

a conversion step of converting said personal identification information, read by said card reader,

5   into personal identification image data;

an image generation step of generating output image data to be outputted, from said personal identification image data converted by said conversion step and said user requested image data requested by

10   the user for image processing; and

a control step of limiting the request for image processing by comparing said personal identification information read by said card reader and image output limited person information on the person for whom image

15   output is limited, acquired from said server apparatus.

32. A computer readable storage medium for an image processing apparatus which is connected to a card reader for reading a card medium recording personal

20   identification information for identifying a person requesting image processing, in which a server apparatus and a manager terminal apparatus are capable of communication through a predetermined communication medium and which controls execution of image processing

25   by confirming fee payment charged for a predetermined image processing, the medium comprising:

a code for converting said personal identification

information, read by said card reader, into personal identification image data;

a code for generating output image data to be outputted, from said converted personal identification
5   image data and user requested image data requested by the user for image processing; and

a code for limiting the request for image processing by comparing said personal identification information read by said card reader and image output
10   limited person information on the person for whom image output is limited, acquired from said server apparatus.

33.   An image processing apparatus comprising:

input means for entering an image;
15   input means for entering predetermined information to be embedded in said image;

inquiry means for inquiring to the exterior whether said predetermined information is effective; and
20   embedding means for embedding said predetermined information into said image in case said inquiry means identifies that said predetermined information is effective.

25   34.   An image processing apparatus according to claim 33, wherein said exterior is a server computer.

35. An image processing apparatus according to claim 33, wherein said inquiry means inquires through a communication channel whether said predetermined information is effective.

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36. An image processing method comprising:

an input step of entering an image;

an input step of entering predetermined information to be embedded in said image;

10   an inquiry step of inquiring to the exterior whether said predetermined information is effective; and

an embedding step of embedding said predetermined information into said image in case said inquiry step

15   identifies that said predetermined information is effective.

37. A computer readable storage medium comprising:

20   an input code for entering an image;

a code for entering predetermined information to be embedded in said image;

a code for inquiring to the exterior whether said predetermined information is effective; and

25   a code for embedding said predetermined information into said image in case said inquiry identifies that said predetermined information is effective.